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This Reply is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2002 (Paper No. 26). Please extend the period of time for response to the Notice of Appeal filed October 4, 2002, by 5 months, to expire on May 4, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time extending the time for reply within five months and the requisite fee. Consideration of the following remarks and the references cited on the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement are respectfully requested.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.**